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Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office action herein mailed 27 August 2002, time for response to which was set to expire 27 September 2002. A petition for an extension of time of one (1) month until 27 October 2002 is attached hereto, along with the required fee. Restriction was required among three groups. Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 1-35. An election of species was also required; it is believed that the amendment addresses this election which is further explained in the remarks below.

Enclosed is the following Exhibit A: Version With Markings To Show Changes Made.